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PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroo MATSUNAGA, *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/993,504

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 8148

Examiner: Steven D. Maki

Filed: November 27, 2001

For: VULCANIZATION PROCESS FOR PNEUMATIC TIRE AND MOLD THEREFOR

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the personal interview conducted on December 16, 2004, between Examiner Maki and the undersigned attorney.

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (Form PTO-413) was mailed to the office of the undersigned attorney on December 21, 2004.

The personal interview was initiated by the Examiner, and Applicants are in agreement with the description of the general nature of the interview as set forth by the Examiner on page 2 of the Interview Summary.

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Furthermore, subsequent to the personal interview conducted on December 16, 2004, a further telephonic interview was conducted between Examiner Maki and the undersigned attorney, during which specific changes to the specification and claims were agreed upon, which the Examiner agreed to effect via an Examiner's Amendment. The Examiner indicated that the application would be in condition for allowance upon effecting the Examiner's Amendment. Applicants thus anticipate receiving a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, including the agreed upon Examiner's Amendment, in due course.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO disagrees, Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee (except the Issue/Publication Fees) may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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